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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
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DALLAS, TEXAS

On August 7, 1964, information was furnished to a San Diego source that one FRANK (last name and address unknown) had advised of one A. SCHEIDER (phonetic) (address unknown) who allegedly possessed a stolen death certificate made out for the late President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. SCHEIDER reportedly asked for assistance in locating a quality copying machine and advised of his intention to sell reproductions of the described death certificate and realize a substantial profit therefrom.

On August 11, 1964, the original source for this information identified FRANK as identical with FRANK M. CHERRY, 1623 Santa Anita Drive, San Diego, California.

On September 15, 1964, FRANK M. CHERRY advised that approximately three months ago he was contacted by LEON SNYDER, manager of an apartment at 6102 San Pedro Avenue, San Diego. SNYDER related he was in possession of a Photostat of the death certificate made out for the late President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. SNYDER inquired if he, CHERRY, would assist in making reproductions of such death certificate and thereafter promote the sale of such reproductions. CHERRY advised SNYDER he would "not touch it with a ten-foot pole," and suggested that SNYDER give careful consideration to the matter before taking such steps. SNYDER did not tell CHERRY the manner by which he had obtained possession of such document.

On September 15, 1964, LEON SNYDER admitted possession of a Photostat of a death certificate for the late President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. He advised he

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received it from a friend in California who wish to identify. This friend, several months ago, been on a trip in the East and in either North Carolina he had contacted an unidentified person who furnished him with one such Photostat. Upon return to California he had given SNYDER a copy of such document.

SNYDER related they had discussed the possibility of making reproductions of the death certificate and the idea of selling them to persons desiring such reproductions. SNYDER consulted his attorney and was advised to proceed on safe ground, but that in his opinion it was not in his taste. SNYDER's unidentified friend wrote to SNYDER in Dallas, Texas, to ask if reproductions of the death certificate of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY's death were available to the public. He was advised that such reproductions were being furnished to the public. In view of this, SNYDER and his friend dismissed further plans for the contemplated sale of such reproductions.